

7 2) a transmitter, coupled to said [video camera] imager, for  
8 broadcasting said electronic image as a broadcast image on a particular one of a plurality of  
9 available broadcast channels; and

10 3) a power cell, coupled to said [video camera] imager and to said  
11 transmitter, for providing operating power such that said [flashlight] light source is portable;  
12 and

13 b) a remote unit, including:

14 1) a receiver for receiving said broadcast image on said particular  
15 one broadcast channel and converting it back to said electronic image; and

16 2) at least one of the following:

17 i) a monitor, coupled to said receiver, for displaying said  
18 electronic image as said image; and

19 ii) a recorder, coupled to said receiver, for recording said  
20 electronic image in a format suitable for recovery of said image at a later time.

1 2. (UNAMENDED) The security system of claim 1 wherein said remote unit comprises only said  
2 recorder.

1 3. (UNAMENDED) The security system of claim 1 wherein said remote unit is installed in a  
2 passenger vehicle.

1 4. (UNAMENDED) The security system of claim 3 wherein said remote unit comprises said  
2 recorder, and said recorder is installed in a locked compartment of said passenger vehicle.

1 SUB B3 5. (AMENDED) The security system of claim 1 wherein said [flashlight]  
2 light source includes an on/off switch and is operable independently of said [video camera]  
3 imager.

1 6. (AMENDED) The security system of claim 1 wherein said [video  
2 camera] imager includes an on/off switch and is operable independently of said [flashlight]  
3 light source.

1 sub c2 7. (AMENDED) The security system of claim 1 wherein said [flashlight]  
2 light source further includes a microphone, coupled to said transmitter, for converting sounds  
3 from a region near said [flashlight] light source into audio signals,  
4 wherein said transmitter broadcasts said audio signals as audio data and wherein  
5 said receiver converts said audio data into said audio signals and wherein said monitor  
6 audiblizes said audio signals.

1 8. (UNAMENDED) The security system of claim 7 wherein said remote unit includes said  
2 monitor.

1 9. (UNAMENDED) The security system of claim 8 wherein said monitor audiblizes said audio  
2 signals concurrent with display of said electronic image.

1 10. (UNAMENDED) The security system of claim 7 wherein said remote unit includes a repeater,  
2 coupled to said receiver, for rebroadcasting said broadcast image and said audio data to other receivers.

1 SUB B5 11. (AMENDED) A security system, comprising:  
2 a) a plurality of flashlights, each said flashlight having an optical axis, for  
3 selectively emitting a beam of light along said optical axis, each said flashlight including:  
4 1) a video camera for converting an image along said optical axis  
5 into an electronic image;  
6 2) a transmitter, coupled to said video camera, for broadcasting said  
7 electronic image as a broadcast image at a broadcast channel selected from a plurality of  
8 channels wherein said broadcast channel is different for each said flashlight; and

3) a power cell, coupled to said video camera and to said transmitter, for providing operating power such that said flashlight is portable; and

b) a remote unit, including:

1) a receiver for receiving said broadcast [image] images from each of said flashlights on each said broadcast channel and converting [it] each said broadcast image back to said electronic image; and

2) a recorder, coupled to said receiver, for recording said electronic [image] images in a format suitable for recovery of said [image] images at a later time.

12. (AMENDED) A method for providing security to an area, comprising the steps of:

broadcasting a series of real-time images with accompanying audio signals, from each of a plurality of [a flashlight] flashlights at a different broadcast frequency for each said flashlight, each said flashlight for emitting a flashlight beam, each said flashlight having an integrated video camera and microphone coupled to a transmitter, said video camera defining an optical axis generally along said flashlight beam wherein said series of real-time images are captured by said integrated video camera;

receiving said series of real-time images and audio signals from a selected one of said plurality of flashlights as a received series at a remote receiver; and

capturing said received series of real-time images by selecting at least one of the following steps:

displaying said received series of real-time images on a monitor coupled to said receiver while concurrently audiblizing said audio signals; and

recording said received series of real-time images in a format suitable for recovery of said real-time images at a later time.

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1 13. (AMENDED) A method for providing security to an area, comprising  
2 the steps of:  
3 equipping a team of security [officer] officers[, associated with a security team,]  
4 with a plurality of [flashlight] flashlights, each said flashlight constructed for emitting a beam  
5 of light;  
6 broadcasting a series of real-time images with accompanying audio signals from  
7 each said flashlight at a different channel, wherein each said flashlight includes an integrated  
8 wireless video camera and microphone coupled to a transmitter, and wherein each said series  
9 of real-time images [are] is captured by said integrated video camera from a field-of-view  
10 along an optical axis oriented generally along said beam of light;  
11 receiving a selected one of said series of real-time images and audio signals at a  
12 receiver operated at a remote location wherein a team member of said security [officer] team is  
13 located; and  
14 capturing said selected one of said series of real-time images by selecting at  
15 least one of the following steps:  
16 1) displaying to said team member said series of real-time images  
17 by use of a monitor coupled to said receiver, and audiblizing said audio signals to said team  
18 member while displaying said selected one of said series of real-time images; and  
19 2) recording, by use of a recorder coupled to said receiver, said  
20 selected one of said series of real-time images in a format for later recovery and display by said  
21 team member.

1 14. (UNAMENDED) The security providing method of claim 13 further comprising the steps of:  
2 rebroadcasting said series of real-time images and audio signals by use of a repeater coupled to said  
3 receiver;

4 receiving said rebroadcast series of real-time images and audio signals by use of a second receiver  
5 operated at a second remote wherein a second team member of said security officer is located;  
6 displaying to said second team member said series of real-time images by use of a second monitor coupled  
7 to said second receiver; and  
8 audiblizing said audio signals to said second team member while displaying said series of real-time  
9 images.

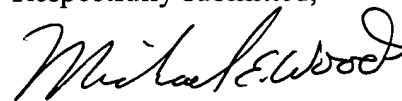
1 15. (UNAMENDED) The security providing method of claim 13 further comprising the steps of:  
2 narrating, by said security officer, said series of real-time images to provide a narration as part of said  
3 audio signals; and  
4 recording, by use of a recorder coupled to said receiver, said series of real-time images and said narration.

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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